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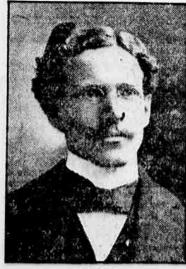


Some Men of the Hour

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Rev. Evan R. Williams, pastor of the Coalville, O., Congregational church who is spending a month or so among acquaintances in this city, is a young man who has attained the position in life which he now holds, by continuous

hard study. In his early days he received a common school education, and afterward spent several years in and about the mines hereabouts. Having a desire for



spare moments to study, selecting prominent authors for his reading. When quite young he became affili-ated with the Plymouth Congregational church, West Scranton, and was a faithful and earnest worker for the cause of Christianity and temperance, Continuously he searched the scriptures for the best thoughts and thereby qualified himself for a theological course. He entered Marietta college, Ohio, in

Competition in Class



1894 and was graduated with high hor ors six years later.

Provius to his graduation his service were much sought after and he received several offers to accept charges in various parts of the country. His modesty, however, taught him to begin as he had begun his studies, on the bottom rung of the ladder, and decided upon taking the charge at Coalville. Returning to Scranton he wedded Miss Mima Jones, of North Bromley avenue, and together they left for their new home, Rev. Mr. Williams being somewhat of a parliamentarian his services have been much in demand, especially to preside over conventions and at the last session of the conference in which his church is located he was chosen as a moderator for the pres-

ent year. Rev. Mr. Williams resided in the Fifteenth ward the greater portion of his life and is the son of Evan J. Willlams, of Hampton street. He is not yet 30 years of age and those who heard his masterly discourse recently in the Plymouth church predict a bright future for the reverend gentleman.

City Assessor, Elias Morris is the oldest city official in this city at present but despite this fact he is one of the most assiduous members in the municipal building. There are certain seaons of the year when the assessor have little work to do, except furnish information to inquiring taxpayers, This does not deter Mr. Morris from being on hand every day in the week. It is said that since he assumed office in April, 1901, he has not been away from the office a single day except because of illness

Mr. Morris is a man of independent means and it was a surprise to many of his friends when he agreed to accept the appointment as assessor tendered to him by former Recorder Moir. He is eminently fitted for the place because of his wide knowledge of property values in this city. He is an extensive property owner himself and long years of real estate dealing have given him a knowledge of values that s considered second to none in the city When the members of the board were out making the assessment for the present fiscal year and there was a dif-

up to Morris" and his decision Architect Gilbert N. Edson has opened an office in the Connell building.
Dr. B. B. Hand has returned from a two

ference of opinion between them, the

question at issue was generally put

weeks' visit through Mississippi. Miss Mae Horan, of Monroe avenue, ining Miss Hayes, of Brooklyn, N. Y. John Jermyn's condition is reported to be still

Patrolmen John F. Saltry, Christian Rose and Mesdames Dougherty and Thomas, the Wyaing avenue milliners, went to New York on

aturday, where they will remain until Tuesday Mrs. B. Downing, of 311 Madison avenue, has

gone to York, Pa., for several weeks to visit her daughter, Mrs. C. F. Watrous, and son, Dr. Edvin M. Downing, who has recently moved there from Kansas. Vernon Dowsett, manager of the Tivoli theatre,

London, who is being entertained in this city by his brother-in-law, Reeve Jones, the well-known ianist, will leave for New York city today. Mr. Dowsett returned on Saturday from a trip to Niagara Falls, and is highly pleased with his visit to the states. He has a keen sense of humor, and has already acquired a fund of ancelotes regarding his experiences, with which he none. While in this city Mr. Dowsett made arrangements to produce E. T. Sweet's vaude-ville sketch, "The Honeymoon of Mr. and Mrs. Potts." in London, and also secured the English rights for the production of Mr. Sweet's new musical comedy as soon as it is finished. After spending a few days in New York, he will visit Washington, D. C., and expects to return England about two weeks hence,

BLUE RIDGE BREAKER DESTROYED BY FIRE

Thomas Kemerer, the Fireman, Is Suppose to Have Perished While trying to Escape.

The Blue Ridge breaker at Peckville, owned by the Scranton Coal company, caught fire in a mysterious way yesterday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock and in a very short time was burned to the ground. The fireman, Thomas Kemerer who was the only person about the place at the time cannot be found and it feared that he has perished in

the flames.

was burned.

The Blue Ridge was recently purchased by the Scranton Coal company and the breaker abandoned. The coal from the top and only remaining vein was carried up through the shaft and from there conveyed by a small locomotive to the Ontario colliery where it was prepared for use. When it became apparent that Fireman Kemerer must have perished, two very plausible theories were at once advanced. One was that he had gone up into the breaker when he discovered it aftre to save it if he could, as there were bar-rels of water located in different places for such an emergency, and was overcome by the smoke and smothering

Acting on the other theory. Mine Foremen Smith, Allen and Brown, went flown into the mine and began a search for him as it was known to be part of his duty on Sunday to feed the four mules which are kept there. Two of the mules were dead and the others nearly so. Only partly consumed feed was found in the mangers, showing that they had just been fed. A search of the workings was then made and the only possible places where he might have wandered and been lost was so full of black damp that the party nearly overcome, had to return convinced that the unfortunate fireman could not have penatrated thus far. Returning to the opening in the shaft, the dread thought in the minds of each had now become certainty and this was that on discovering the fire Kemerer knowing that the distance from the yein to the top of the shaft was only thirty-five feet, believed that he could climb the ladder at the side of the shaft and escape without danger, but that the burning timbers fell while he was struggling upward and carried him crashing down the shaft a hundred feet through

sump with the charred timbers of the breaker on top of him. Gangs of men are now removing the timbers and it is believed that by the this afternoon they will be able to drag the sump. Kemerer is a married man

with a wife and child. The fire was a fierce one while it lasted and began in the upper part of the breaker. Besides the Wilson Hose company from Peckville the Olyphant and Priceburg companies were called to the scene. There are no theories or any evidence as to how the fire started. It was first thought to have been from forest fires, but there were no fires in the immediate vicinity. The loss will

MINES WILL BE **IDLE TODAY**

NO EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO OPERATE THEM.

Coal Carrying Companies Are Closing Repair Shops and Laying Off Train Hands Whose Services Will Not Be Needed, as There Will Be No Coal to Ship-President Mitchell Has No Fear That Coal from Other Countries Will Be Shipped

is as good as certain that there will be no work done in the mines of the Lackawanna region today. In the first place the miners will not report for work, and, in the second place, if they did, they would find no work to do.

The order for a temporary suspen-

sion of work will be religiously obeyed At some of the collieries the men removed their tools at noon Saturday. Saturday afternoon the superintendents of the local compaines had a meeting in this city, and agreed to make no effort to operate. The meeting was attended by General Manager E. E. Loomis and General Superinten-

dent Reese A. Phillips, of the D. L. &

W. company; W. A. May, general manager of the Erie's coal depart-

ment; C. C. Rose, general superintendent of the Delaware and Hudson coa department and others. It was stated positively yesterday by one of those at the meeting that all agreed to shut down the collieries indefnitely, beginning with Monday morning. It was given out from the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western offices, however, that the whistle would be blown at its collieries, and that vigorous attempts would be made to operate the washeries. At the Delaware & Hudson company's offices,

Repair Shops Closed.

run even its washeries.

it was stated that efforts would be

made to operate some of the washeries.

The Erie company will not attempt to

The Erie company has ordered its repair shops, at Dunmore, closed down indefinitely. Two hundred men will be thrown idle. The Lackawanna railroad laid off all but a few of its coal crews and the other companies propose to do likewise.

There was a report current, yesterday that the companies intended to post notices at all their collieries announcing that any man who did not report for work this morning should consider himself no longer in the employ of the company and take out his tools. The companies denied that such notices would be posted this morning. It would not be stated whether or not notices to this effect would appear later.

Everything depends on the meetings held today by the locals. The order of the district officers calling the strike and the Wednesday convention, contained a clause, advising that the locals meet Monday afternoon elect delegates to the Hazleton convention and instruct them as whether or not they should vote to make the temporary strike permanent. or to continue work under the present conditions.

The sentiment of the community and the most thoughtful of the miners is unquestionably opposed to a strike at this time. It is felt that the companies are anxious for a conflict and that it would be inopportune to engage them now, when they are seemingly so well prepared, and when the miners have shown such a decided reluctance

o entering upon a conflict, Not Trying to Prevent It.

Those of the miners who oppose a ontinuance of the suspension of work will use as one of their chief argu-ments the significant fact that the posses are doing absolutely nothing to discourage the men from striking, while at the same time, relatively in the last strike, these same bosses worked day and night soliciting their

men to continue at work. It will also be argued by the antistrike men that while it may be true that a refusal now to accept what is so generously considered a challenge from the operators, may detract some from the prestige of the union, it is, on the other hand, an absolute fact that a defeat after a prolonged strike, would possibly, yes probably destroy the union.

The pro-strike men will argue that he miners can not lose, because a strike will cause a coal famine, which an not be relieved except by the companies acceding to the men's terms. It may necessitate a long struggle, surey one of several months, but even this, with all its attendant hardships, they will argue, would be better than a withdrawal of the strike order.

Interesting speculation is born of the fact that the very men who control he mining industry—the Morgan interst-will before many days control the shipping of the Atlantic. Should the strike come, and it should happen that the strikers succeeded in shutting off soft coal from the hard coal markets, is it not possible, this speculation suggests, that the Morgan fleet would be used to bring in from England, Nova Scotia and the continent sufficient hard coal to at least prevent what could be termed a famine?

No Importing of Coal.

President Mitchell declares he has litle fear from this possibility. He points to the fact that the United States continually exports coal, and claims it would be hardly likely that any considerable quantity of coal could be secured abroad, even in an emergency. To get any coal from Nova Scotia, he says is an impossibility, for the United States annually sends from ten to fifteen million tons to supply Canada.

How President Mitchell views the question of whether or not it is deivable to continue the strike, no one has as yet been able to fathom. It is the general belief, however, that he considers it inadvisable, and that he is so confirmed in this opinion that, if the wooden covering of the abandoned necessary, he will take an open stand fer a postponement of hostilities to some more opportune season. It is believed that while he wants that the miners themselves shall decide, by what is practically a direct vote, whether or not they will enter upon a war, he hopes that the vote will be

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against such a course. This belief obtains very generally with the miners and will exert a big influence on the

vote among the locals today. There is a great danger that even if the best judgment of the more intelligent and conservative miners is for a withdrawai of the strike order, their judgment will not prevail. Saturday, at noon, the driver boys at the Leggett's Creek colliery quit work, by way of anticipating the strike order, and compelled the closing down of the works. Mine boys, however, have only half a vote, and, while in the majority in some of the locals, do not control many of them, when it comes to a

Still in the City.

President Mitchell and District Presidents Nicholls and Fahy are still in the city and had a number of informal conferences Saturday and yesterday. The committeemen from out of town went home Saturday, after a brief morning session. Nothing was given out concerning the proceedings of this session, further than that only routine business was transacted.

President Mitchell and District President Fahy will remain here until tomorrow afternoon, and accompany the Scranton delegation to Hazleton, President Mitchell will spend the interim in attending to his correspondence. It is understood he does not look with much confidence on the hope of any further intervention, or anything else that will work from the outside for the prevention of the continuance of the strike. If the strike continues, he will make his eadquarters at Hazleton.

At 8 o'clock mass in the Cathedral yesterday morning, Bishop Hoban spoke briefly on the strike and asked the congregation to pray that its prolengation might be averted.

He pointed out that a strike meant great hardships to the strikers, demordization of business interest, and possible bloodshed. He declared that the companies should come to a proper realization of the arduous work the miner is compelled to do, the skill remired of him in doing it, and the danger he is constantly exposed to in his daily toil. He would not, he said, venture to even suggest how the miners ought to vote. He would pray, however, that God would enlighten them to do what was for the best.

Meetings of Locals.

The members of the Diamond local, No. 213, held a meeting in Jayne's hall Saturday evening, and elected two delegates and two alternates to the general convention, to be held at Hazleton on Wednesday. The delegates are Terrence Gallagher and William J. Hughes, and the alternates, William T. James and Thomas Davis.

A meeting of the engineers, firemen, pump runners and mine machinists, members of local union, No. 803, of the United Mine Workers of America, will be held in Jaynes' wall this morning at 10 o'clock and at 4.30 o'clock this evening, for the purpose of selecting and instructing their wopresentative to the Hazleton convention. Wednesday, May 14.

The members of Stowe No. 2 shaft local, No. 1644, will meet in the Dickson borough hall Monday at a o'clock, for the purpose of electing delegates. A special meeting of Local No. 829, at Dunmore, will be held at 9.30 o'clock

this morning. The Marvine colliery local met Saturday night and instructed its delegation to vote against a continuation of the strike.

One of the Dunmore locals, composed of men from collieries adjacent to the Corners, met yesterday and voted to continue the strike.

Situation at Pittston.

Pittston, Pa., May 11 .- The strike orler will be obeyed to the letter here hose mine employes who have not yet the strike is already in force, for few collieries in this district worked more than a half day yesterday.

For the past week or more the miners ave curtailed their purchases of supplies, in anticipation of a strike order, and many of them had not enough oil and powder to hold out a full day Saturday and therefore worked only a few hours. At Nos. 8, 9 and 10 collieries of work at 10 o'clock, throwing these mines into idleness. The companies also evidenced an intention to curtail expenses, and at several collieries, such men as locomotive engineers and company hands, who are usually kept at work during temporary idleness, were notified to cease work until further orders. Officials at the collieries have been interviewing the firemen, pumprunners and engineers during the past week, to ascertain just how many of hem would stay with the company in ase of strike. Endeavors were made to induce them to sign agreements to remain at work, but a majority of the men refused to do so.

Special Low Rates to St. Paul, Minn. On account of the National Baptists anniversaries at St. Paul, Minn., May 20th to 28th the Lackawanna railroad will sell round trip tickets to St. Paul and Mizneapolis, Minnesota, at \$33,70. Tickets will be sold good going May 17th, 18th and 19th and for return until June 30th inclusive, upon payment of 50 cents additional.

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Glorious Finish of a Great Week. Kellerman Still in the Lead. Freedman Advances to Second. Harry Madden, a New Contestant, Is Tied for Third Place with Charles Burns, of Vandling-Many Other Changes in the List-All Returns Must Be Made Before 5 p. m. in Order to Be Recorded in the Next Issue of The Tribune.

Standing of Contestants

1. A. J. Kellerman, Scranton 74 2. Albert Freedman, Belle-

5. Herbert Thompson, Car-

6. Wm. T. S. Rodriguez, 7. Grant M. Decker, Hall-

. . . 33 9. Homer Kresge, Hyde Park 28 10. William Cooper, Priceburg 23 11. Louis McCusker, Park

13. Wm. Sherwood, Harford. . 13 14. Miss Beatrice Harpur, Thompson 11 15. A. J. Havenstrite, Scran-

17. Hugh Johnson, Forest 19. Miss Edna Coleman, Scranton 20. Miss Nellie Avery, Forest

21. Chas. W. Dorsey, Scranton 22. R. D. Dorsey, Scranton...

Saturday was a record-breaking day n The Tribune's Educational Contest, 179 points being scored. This was the banner day of the present contest and glorious finish of a great week.

Harry Madden, of Scranton, alone brought in 43 points, this being his first appearance in the race. Mr. Madden had been in Harrisburg until Thursday, and his work is wonderful, considering he has devoted but two days to it so far.

Others who scored for the first time were Louis McCusker, of Park Place, with 20 points, and Beatrice Harpur, of hompson, with 11.

A. J. Kellerman still holds the prenier position, he being first this mornng by a margin of 28 points. Albert Freedman, of Bellevue, is second, having advanced from third yesterday, and Harry Madden, of Scranton, and Charles Burns, of Vandling, are tied or third. Herbert Thompson, of Carbondale, is fifth, and William Rodriguez, of Scranton, has advanced from eighth to sixth place. There is a tie or seventh, and also ties for both eighteenth and twenty-first places.

There were two entries Saturday: Edgar Wilson, Jr., 610 Gibson street. Miss Mary Yeager, 1341 Capouse ave-

There is still lots of room for new contestants, as eleven of the thirtythree scholarships are still unrepre-Monday morning, even by almost all of sented. The entry list is still open, and description of the contest is printed become members of the union. In fact, daily on the fourth page of The

Since the above table was prepared, everal points have been brought in or have been received by mail. These will credited tomorrow morning. All points received after 5 p. m. each day are held over, as at that hour the Contest Editor must prepare his daily reports, get the table ready for publicaion the following morning, and get the the Erie company, the driver boys quit names of new subscribers properly recorded, so that there will be no delay in sending out the papers promptly.

M. J. THOMAS MURDERED.

Superintendent of Police Day reeived a telegram yesterday from Bridgeport, Conn. announcing that lichael J. Thomas, formerly of this ity, had been murdered there in the norning by an Italian, who struck him over the head with a cleaver. The murdered man was about 25 ears old and was employed as a chef at the Atlantic hotel. He is survived by his mother and four sisters. Kate, Annie, Bridget and Mary, all of whom eside at 206 Prospect avenue. His father and two brothers, John and Martin, live in Buffalo.

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